

SAMOAN ISLANDS.

German Domination and Manner of its Exercise.

DR. RAFFEL THE SOVEREIGN.

Under the Berlin act, What is Constructed on Every Occasion to Favor German Aggression, the President of the Municipality of Apia Holds a Tight Grasp Upon the Islands. Nothing can be Done Without the Consent of the Germans.

New York Sun: Once upon a time there was in Washington a short stout official who described himself as "a bigger man than old Grant." Making the necessary allowances for the tropical and monarchical surroundings, that phrase describes the position of the president of the municipality of Apia, the present holder of which office, Dr. Raffel, is asserting Germany's power in Samoa. The king lived in a three-roomed cottage, which the United States gave him. The president lives in a handsome house. When the president orders a tin of biscuits the traders are glad to charge it, and present the account at the end of the quarter. There is a law of the kingdom that no store may extend credit to the king except on an order countersigned by the president or the collector of customs. The king's wages are \$18 60 a month. The president's salary of \$5,000 a year, is a fixed charge upon the government assets, and must be paid before the pitance is set aside for royalty.

The president exists by virtue of the Berlin act. In fact, everything in Samoa is constituted by that document, with the exception of the three consuls and the rebels. Three presidents, all Germans, have held the office. The courtly Freiherr von Pilsach, the bumptious Schmidt and the learned and scholarly Dr. Raffel have consistently made the Samoan king and the Samoan government feel the force of Germany's hand. The Berlin act does not provide for any such thing as that. It is expressly designed to secure the autonomy of Samoa, and in practice there is far less concern as to what the treaty provides than as to what it can be made to mean. In general, it has been easy to warp the treaty by local interpretations, because Great Britain has not cared much for Samoa and the United States less. Ever since Samoa has found a place in history there has always been some one there to remind Samoans of the might of Germany. It began with Theodore Weber, that truly wonderful organizer, who not only created a monopoly of the South Sea Island trade for the Firma Godeffroy, but also found time to create an empire which has always excluded the German grasp, the man who is really responsible for the German colonial policy. He and his successors tried in every way to give Samoa to Germany. The treaty changed all that on the face of it. Nevertheless, German influence is maintained at top notch. That is the real duty of the president. His hand, bearing always heavy on the native government, must teach the unvarying lesson that Germany means power.

The Berlin act, which constituted the presidency, has defined also the duties of the president. As there is a double system of administration in Samoa, one for the white residents and another for the native population, so there is a division in the presidential duties. Upon the white residents of Apia, he bears as presiding officer of the municipal council, elected by the white people of all nationalities who have qualified by a residence of six months in the municipality. He is in effect a sort of mayor. The municipality has been gerrymandered into two wards in such a manner as to secure the election of no fewer than three German councillors out of the six provided by law. With the president a German the municipal council always has a majority of representatives against all other nationalities, no mean advantage in itself. Upon the native government of the Samoans he exercises a dominant sway through being receiver and custodian of the revenues. But the presidents have not rested content with what the law has given. There is a peculiarly about the Berlin act. Alongside of the main positive declaration of powers and functions it includes a parallel series of vague and general statements which might bear almost any meaning. It has been within the power of a German policy working steadily and consistently in Samoan affairs to place upon these vague and general statements a construction ever favorable to the tightening of the German grasp upon the kingdom. It was on account of the possibilities of power presented by the office that Germany obtained from the other two powers the privilege of naming the president.

See what manner of men Germany has put into the presidency. The first was Freiherr von Pilsach, a gentleman, every inch of him, promoted from a small German civil magistracy. He had the task of opening the routine of presidential work and of establishing many of its precedents. When he had done the duty for which he had been instructed in Germany, the Samoans were in a fury of discontent with the treaty. There was also indignation among the white residents of Apia other than the German community of Matafele. Public meetings were held, greatly to the disgust of the German kingdom, which was impotent to quell the storm. The public had some questions to ask. It wanted to know by what right President von Pilsach interpreted the treaty as he was doing; it wanted to know by what authority the public funds were sent thousands of miles away from Apia, to be deposited in a bank of Sydney; it wanted to be assured that the funds of the government were not used in the purchase of the Apia newspaper, which from a state of wholesome criticism had gone over to the most abject adulation. The best way out of the mess was adopted: Pilsach withdrew. Freiherr von Pilsach.

E. Schmidt-Danwitz seemed to promise well, for a German, when he was appointed president. It was a hopeful novelty this of appointing an official who was experienced in Samoan matters; for the new president had been German vice-consul at Apia, knew the people and was an excellent Samoan scholar. The indignation died out, the public meetings ceased to be held, citizens

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It is Reported that he will Enter Libel Proceedings Against a Paris Journal.

The tremendous sensation recently caused in Paris by the announcement in one of its largest daily journals that Count de Castellane had fought a fierce duel with M. Paul Deroulede over an actress has not yet entirely quieted down on account of the legal proceedings that are to follow.

It is said that the Count was further angered about the matter because



his denial was described as "gentlemanly evasion in the interest of the third person involved," hence he will sue the Journal for libel. It is also added that M. Deroulede will co-operate with Count de Castellane in the proceedings.

M. Paul Deroulede is one of the most brilliant young men in Parisian public life. His greatest claim to notoriety is probably based upon the stand that he has taken in the turmoil which now disturbs Paris. M. Deroulede is always spoken of as a young man, for he is scarcely in his prime, and so much the senior of the men with whom he associates that he really seems little more than a boy.

He represents the Angouleme division of Charente in the chamber, and is a radical opponent of Dreyfusism. It was he who founded the Patriote League last year with a membership of nearly 2,000, the purpose of which is to support the army and government from attacks of all kinds.

Count de Castellane will be best remembered as the French nobleman who married Miss Anna Gould, of New York, in 1885, and whose marriage settlement was a cool five million of American dollars. They have recently entered into their new palace in the vicinity of the Bois de Boulogne, which is modeled after the Triamion, and is one of the most beautiful castles in Europe.

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BRYAN'S USE OF SCRIPTURE.

He is not Happy in his Citations and Comparisons.

Washington Post: Familiarity with texts from Holy Writ is greatly advantageous to the public man who quotes them aptly; but there is no mistake which should be more carefully guarded against than that of citations from that exhaustless source of illustrations. It has occurred to Mr. Bryan that some of his fellow-citizens—a good many of them, in fact—are coveting somebody's land. We infer from the general tenor of his remarks on several occasions that he entertains this opinion of all those who believe in national expansion. In order to confound these people Mr. Bryan draws upon his Bible for information as to the views of the great leader of Israel on those international real estate operations that are controlled by war. If Mr. Bryan will open the good old book at the third chapter of Deuteronomy, and begin with the third verse, he will see just how Moses treated the Philistines of his time. Here is the record:

"So the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og, the King of Bashan, and all his people; and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. "4. And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, three score cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. "5. All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many. "6. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon, king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women and children of every city. "7. But all the cattle and the spoil of the cities we took for a prey to ourselves. "8. And we took at that time out of the land of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto Mount Hermon."

When Moses had concluded his operations "on this side of Jordan" his life ended, and his successor, his beloved friend and disciple, crossed that river and continued the work of conquest. For information as to how he succeeded, see Joshua, tenth chapter, fourth verse, as follows: "So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breasted, as the Lord God of Israel commanded. "If it be urged that the Israelites were God's chosen people, and, therefore, had a right to kill the men, women and children and take their property, we submit that this nation of ours might set up a pretty good title to similar distinction. Where and when were any other people "favored of God so highly" as the inhabitants of this country have been?

The Post acquits Mr. Bryan of such weakness and folly as would be evidenced in suspecting the government and people of the United States of any intent or wish to wrong the Philistines. He and all other opponents of expansion know that we, as a nation, have no purpose toward any people that is not consistent with our exalted position in the family of nations and our place in the march of civilization. But Moses is the last of the dead celebrities upon whom Mr. Bryan should call to instruct us upon our duties toward inferior peoples who happen to have real estate and "cattle and spoils of cities."

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